

REMARKS

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

In this regard, Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 12, 15 and 16.

All of the present claims contain features of claims already indicated as allowable. In this regard, see the attached Table.

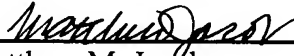
Thus, as can be seen, all claims include allowable subject matter.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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New Claim	Dependency	Previous Claim
25	Independent	2 (allowable) + 1
26	D-25	3 + 2 (allowable) + 1
27	Independent	4 (allowable) + 1
28	D-27	5 + 3 + 2 (allowable) + 1
29	D-25	6 + 2 (allowable) + 1
30	Independent	7 (allowable) + 1
31	D-25	8 + 2 (allowable) + 1
32	D-31	9 + 8 + 2 (allowable) + 1
33	Independent	10 (allowable) + 1 + 8
34	D-31	11 + 8 + 2 (allowable) + 1
35	Independent	12 (allowable) + 1 + 8
36	Independent	15 (allowable) + 13 + 14
37	D-36	15 (allowable) + 16 (allowable) + 13 + 14
38	Independent	17 + 2 (allowable) + 1
39	D-38	18 + 17 + 2 (allowable) + 1
40	D-38	19 + 17 + 2 (allowable) + 1
41	Independent	20 + 15 (allowable) + 13 + 14
42	D-41	21 + 20 + 15 (allowable) + 13 + 14
43	D-41	22 + 20 + 15 (allowable) + 13 + 14
44	Independent	23 + 2 (allowable) + 1
45	Independent	24 + 15 (allowable) + 13 + 14